NRO FOIA Request F-2025-00198

4 messages

FOIA@nro.mil <FOIA@nro.mil> Fri, Sep 5, 2025 at 11:18 PM
To: publicfinalstvk@gmail.com
Cc: FOIA@nro.mil

Mr. Nguyen,

The NRO has received your request dated 4 September 2025 for:

“Emails and/or photographs and/or slideshows and/or reports and/or technical drawings concerning the event which three space telescope optical systems has been declassified and offered to NASA in 2011.”

In order for the NRO to best move forward with the processing of your request please provide the following information:

1. Please provide a more specific date range.
2. Please provide which three space telescope optical systems you are requesting information on.

Once this information is received the NRO will be able to move forward with the processing of your request.

If you have any questions, please email FOIA@nro.mil or call the Requester Service Center at 703-745-0600.

Sincerely,

National Reconnaissance Office

Information Review and Release Group

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public final Stvk; <publicfinalstvk@gmail.com> Sat, Sep 6, 2025 at 10:36 AM
To: "FOIA@nro.mil" <FOIA@nro.mil>

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I'm requesting information on the three space telescope optical systems described in this article:
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Best regards -publicfinalstvk@gmail.com (Tien Nguyen)

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FOIA@nro.mil <FOIA@nro.mil> Mon, Sep 8, 2025 at 9:50 PM
To: publicfinalstvk@gmail.com
Cc: FOIA@nro.mil

Mr. Nguyen,

Thank you for the clarification. We will move forward with processing your request with the new search parameters provided.

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From: public final Stvk; <publicfinalstvk@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 5, 2025 11:37 PM
To: FOIA <FOIA@nro.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: NRO FOIA Request F-2025-00198

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FOIA@nro.mil <FOIA@nro.mil> Mon, Sep 8, 2025 at 10:11 PM
To: publicfinalstvk@gmail.com
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Dear Mr. Nguyen,

This letter acknowledges receipt on 8 September 2025 of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated 4 September 2025, for:

"Emails and/or photographs and/or slideshows and/or reports and/or technical drawings concerning the event which three space telescope optical systems has been declassified and offered to NASA in 2011."

Additionally you provided the following information:

“This is the new date range: From December 1, 2010 to July 1, 2011.”

We will contact you in the event that we have questions or require additional information or clarification from you to proceed with processing your request. If we do not require clarification, we will process your request in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended.

The FOIA authorizes federal agencies to assess each requester by category to determine whether fees will apply for record services. Based upon the information provided, you have been placed in the “other” category. Requesters in this category are generally responsible for the cost of search time exceeding two hours ($48.00 per hour) and reproduction fees ($0.15 per page) exceeding 100 pages. Additional information about fees can be found in the Department of Defense Fees section of the electronic Code of Federal Regulations (e-cfr) at https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-32/subtitle-A/chapter-I/subchapter-N/part-286/subpart-E.

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